



POMPALLIER CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Te Kāreti Katorika o Pomapārie

"Diligere Verum" "Love the Truth" "Arohatia te Whakapono"

Newsletter 1 : 7 February, 2025

Tēnā koutou katoa,

A warm welcome back to Pompallier Catholic College for 2025. After opening our classroom doors for the year last Wednesday, we are now already eight days into the school year.

Our 2024 NCEA results detailed below are impressive, well above national averages, and a testament to the dedication of both staff and students.

NCEA Level 1	NCEA Level 2	NCEA Level 3	University Entrance
• 91% pass rate	• 96% pass rate	• 93% pass rate	• 77% pass rate
• 43% Merit	• 29% Merit	• 24% Merit	
• 11% Excellence	• 19% Excellence	• 21% Excellence	

On 29 January we welcomed staff, students and parents new to the Pompallier community with a whole-school pōwhiri. It was wonderful to see the many parents who attended and joined us for morning tea afterward. Thank you to the PTFA for providing the refreshments.

The start of the school year brings the opportunity to focus on what is important here at Pompallier Catholic College. I emphasised the following to our young men and women at last week's pōwhiri:

- *"Everything begins and ends with relationships: I ask you to treat each other and to treat our staff with respect.*
- *Remember your core business when coming through the gates each morning is your learning. All of us have a job to do, yours is to learn.*
- *Be here, every single day of the school year if you can. We want you here, and we know that being at school increases your feeling of belonging and your chances of learning success.*
- *Wear your uniform correctly, and with pride. It is a symbol of your belonging, here at school, and out in the community.*
- *Get involved in all the wonderful opportunities that Pompallier has to offer in 2025 in sport, music, arts and culture.*
- *Take all the opportunities you will be given this year to grow in your faith and your relationship with God."*

I look forward to the year ahead.

Mā te Atua koutou e manaaki,

Hayden Kingdon
PRINCIPAL

Please note:

- Please join us for the **annual blessing of the staff** of St Francis Xavier Catholic School and Pompallier Catholic College at the **6pm Vigil Mass** on Saturday **8 February**.
- Congratulations to the following students for **recent outstanding sporting achievements**:
 - ⇒ **Swimming - Anthony Mosse Classic:**
 - ◆ Hans Haufe: 2nd in 200m Backstroke, 2nd in 50m Backstroke, 3rd in 100m Backstroke.
 - ◆ Te Rauroha Paki: 1st in 100m Backstroke (NZ record), 1st in 200m Backstroke, 1st in 400m IM, 2nd in 200m Butterfly.
 - ⇒ **Athletics - North Island Colgate Games:**
 - ◆ Malachy Smedley: 2nd in Grade 13 Shot Put.
 - ◆ Charlee McKenzie: 3rd in Grade 11 Long Jump.
 - ⇒ **Football:** William Gross (Deputy Head Boy) has been named in the New Zealand Secondary Schools U19 Football Squad.

VISION STATEMENT

Our Pompallier community living the values of Christ through faith, scholarly inquiry, aroha and courage.



UPCOMING EVENTS - Term 1

NOTE: All events are subject to confirmation.

FEBRUARY

Mon 10	Student ID photos	College Hall	
Fri 14	Pompallier Swimming Sports	College	9:00am - 2:30pm
Tue 18 - Fri 21	Year 13 Hikoi	Far North	
Tue 18 - Fri 21	Year 11PED Outdoor Education Camp	Parua Bay	
Mon 24	Massey University Liaison Visit	College Boardroom	9:30am - 10:30am
Wed 26	Athletics Day (<i>p/p date Fri 28</i>)	Trigg Stadium	8:45am - 2:45pm

MARCH

Tue 4 - Fri 7	Year 9 Special Character Event	TBC	
Wed 5	Ash Wednesday		
Wed 12	University of Auckland Liaison Visit	College Boardroom	9:30am - 10:30am
Fri 14	Victoria University Liaison Visit	College Boardroom	9:30am - 10:30am
Thu 20	Raiatea Mass	TBC	

APRIL

Wed 2	Otago University Liaison Visit	College Boardroom	9:00am - 10:00am
Thu 3	Year 8 HPV Vaccinations (Dose 1)	College Library	9:00am
Fri 11	Stations of the Cross Liturgy	TBC	
Fri 11	Last Day of Term 1	School finishes 3:00pm	

STUDENT ABSENCES & THE STUDENT CENTRE

Process for advising us of student absences:

Notify us via SchoolBridge if your child is going to be absent, arriving late to school, or they have an appointment during the day. You must notify us each day they are absent.

There are 2 options:

- Click the "Report an Absence" button on the main page of our [school website](#).
- On the SchoolBridge app, click the "Report Absence" button.

Notes:

1. **Please note that we no longer accept absences via the phone or email.**
2. **Students are required to be at school when the school is open for instruction.** Please email any requests for a holiday during term time to: admin@pompallier.school.nz. These will be passed to our Principal for consideration.
3. If you have an unplanned appointment that crops up during the day that your child is unaware of and they need to leave for, please phone and speak directly to the Student Centre (details below), so that we may get the message to them (please allow time for this).
4. Instructions for accessing SchoolBridge or downloading the app are included on page 3.

Speaking directly to the Student Centre:

- Phone the College office: **438 3950 Option 2.**
- **Use this method if you have an urgent message for your child**, and it would be most helpful if you contact us in plenty of time to deliver the message to your child before the end of the school day. Thank you!

If you have any queries regarding these procedures, please contact us via email: admin@pompallier.school.nz



INTRODUCING SCHOOLBRIDGE

SchoolBridge is the central sign in point for our school - providing easy access for students, parents/caregivers, and staff.

SchoolBridge features include:

- Absence reporting and tracking
- Alert messages
- Permission slips and forms (still to come)
- School calendar
- News and information
- Easy access to the KAMAR portal
- NCEA tracking... and much more!

SchoolBridge can be used from any web browser and also available as an app for mobile devices.

How to sign in to SchoolBridge

Web Sign In

- Go to our school's homepage and click the **Login to SchoolBridge** button
- Click on your account type: Parent/Caregiver, Student, or Staff
- Students and staff can sign in using their Google or Microsoft accounts
- Parents & Caregivers can sign in using the **email address you have registered with the school**
- Caregivers can sign in easily if your email address is registered with one of the following services:
 - * **Apple** (icould.com, mac.com, me.com)
 - * **Google** (gmail.com or other google account)
 - * **Yahoo** (yahoo.com, ymail.com)
 - * **FaceBook**
 - * **Microsoft** (outlook.com, hotmail.com, live.com, msn.com)
 - * **Zoho** (zoho.com, zohomail.com)
- If your email address is not registered with one of the above services, you can use the **Magic Link** sign in option to receive an email that contains a link allowing you access.

HOW TO SIGN IN

SchoolBridge Mobile App

To use the app you must first install it on your device. Scan the QR code to install the app.

Once the app is installed, you tap the SchoolBridge icon on your home screen and use the same sign in as you would for the web version.

Once signed in, you remain signed in.

HOW TO USE THE APP



PARENT INFORMATION

Further information regarding leave during the day and sick children

We would like to remind parents/caregivers of the process if your child needs to leave school during the day for an appointment, or if they are sick.

Leave during the day:

Parents/Caregivers should have notified us via SchoolBridge if your child needs to leave for an appointment during the school day, and we will have noted this on our system. If someone other than a parent/caregiver is taking your child, it is vital you include their name in the notification, otherwise we will have to call you for verbal permission, which could cause delays in your child leaving for their appointment on time.

Before students leave for their appointment, they need to go to the Student Centre, where you will meet them to them sign out. When students arrive back at school, they must go and sign back in before heading back to class. *This is extremely important as we need to know where all students are at all times in cases of emergency or fire.*

Sick children:

If students are sick, please keep them at home. If they start to feel unwell during the day, they need to go to the Student Centre, and we will ring parents/caregivers and ask you to collect them. Kindly note that we do not have the facilities or staff to look after sick students at school for extended periods of time.

We would also appreciate parents/caregivers reminding their children that they are not to go home or contact you themselves before reporting to the Student Centre.

If you have any queries regarding the above, please contact Becky in our Student Centre on 438 3950 option 2, or email: rebecca.saxton@pompallier.school.nz.

We appreciate your assistance with the above matters.

VIEWING STUDENT INFORMATION

Our KAMAR portal allows parents/caregivers to access some of the records we have for your child, like attendance, timetable, results/reports etc.

Click [here](#) to be directed to the log-in page. Log on using your child's name: firstnamedotlastname (eg: fred.flinstone) and your caregiver password. Note: you can also access the KAMAR portal through SchoolBridge.

If you have not used this portal previously, please phone the college office or email admin@pompallier.school.nz to request the caregivers logon password. We will email this to the registered email address we have on our system for you.



SPORTS DEPARTMENT NEWS : Term 1, Week 2

Welcome back!

We hope you all enjoyed an amazing summer! Term 1 is going to be a busy one, so please ensure that your child doesn't miss out! Check the school notices regularly, read the newsletter and [add us on Facebook](#) to keep up with sport this year!

TRIAL REGISTRATION FORM

If you are wanting to play in a weekly league for Pompallier this year, please ensure that you have filled in the registration form. **If you do not register, then you are unable to trial.**

[Click here for the Trial Registration Form.](#)

TRIALS

You must attend both trials! If you are unable to attend both, please speak to Mrs Page as soon as possible.

Team Selection:

- Based on merit / skills / attitude and a willingness to learn
- All trials will have a selection panel to make the process as fair as possible. In the selection panel, we will **endeavour** to include: coach, school representative and independents (not related to students).

Basketball:

Year 7 & 8

Friday 31 January: 3:15pm - 4:30pm, School Gym

Friday 7 February: 3:15pm - 4:30pm, School Gym

Year 9 & 10

Wednesday 5 February: 3:15pm - 4:30pm, School Gym

Wednesday 12 February: 3:15pm - 4:30pm, School Gym

Year 11 - 13

Wednesday 5 February: 4:30pm - 6:00pm, School Gym

Wednesday 12 February: 4:30pm - 6:00pm, School Gym

Football:

Collegiate Boys and Collegiate Girls

Friday 14 March: 1:20pm, School Field

Friday 21 March: 1:20pm, School Field

JMC

Friday 28 March: 1:20pm, School Field

Hockey:

Collegiate

Wednesday 5 March: 3:30pm - 5:30pm, School Turf

Wednesday 12 March: 3:30pm - 5:30pm, School Turf

JMC

Tuesday 18 March: 3:15pm - 4:30pm, School Turf

Thursday 20 March: 3:15pm - 4:30pm, School Turf

Netball:

Intermediate

Monday 3 March: 3:15pm - 5:00pm, School Turf

Tuesday 4 March: 3:15pm - 5:00pm, School Turf

Collegiate

Thursday 6 March: 3:15pm - 5:30pm, School Turf

Friday 7 March: 3:15pm - 5:30pm, School Turf

SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS - Friday 14 February

As this is a championship event, all students wanting to compete will need to sign up.

Year 7/8 Championship : Periods 1 - 2

ALL CLASSES head to the pool after Whānau class and assemble in your Houses under the gazebos.

50m Freestyle, Breaststroke, Backstroke and Butterfly.

Whānau / House Relay.

Year 9 - 13 Championship : Periods 3 - 5

ONLY COMPETITORS to assemble at the pool.

If you are not competing all other classes will continue as normal.

50m – Freestyle, Breaststroke, Backstroke and Butterfly.

Dress up in house colours! No crepe paper or paint! Be sun smart - wear a hat.

COACHES / MANAGERS REQUIRED

In order to offer opportunities in sports, we always need volunteers. If you are interested in helping with the following sports codes, please email me at: sports@pompallier.school.nz

Basketball - Year 9 & 10

Netball - Collegiate and Intermediate

SPORTS FEES

A reminder that sports at Pompallier are an extra-curricular activity, and as such, there are fees associated with joining a team or event.

These fees are a compulsory charge, and must be paid prior to the start of the season or event, in order to secure your child's place in the team.

Any students that have sports fees outstanding from 2024 or previous **will not be eligible** for sports this year until the prior years fees are paid.

SPORTS UNIFORMS - REMINDER

Please return any uniforms from last year to the sports office ASAP – if we don't have enough uniforms we cannot play!

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STUDENT SUCCESSES

Football

Congratulations to **William Gross** (Year 13) who has been selected for the New Zealand Secondary Schools U19s touring Squad. He will head to Australia in April. Great work Will!

Netball

Taylor Te Ao (Year 9) has been selected in the U15s Te Tai Tokerau Māori Netball Squad. Amazing effort!

Rowing

Ashlee Walden and **Holly Hodgson** (both Year 10) rowed at the North Island Rowing Champs in Karapiro recently. They represented Pompallier and Whangarei Rowing Club, coming away with a 2nd place in the octi. Ashlee also placed 2nd in the doubles. Great effort for the novices!

Swimming

Hans Haufe (Year 13) and **Te Rauroha Paki** (Year 10) swam under Northwave recently at the Anthony Mosse Classic age group event.

They had some amazing results, as follows:

Hans	2 nd in 200m Backstroke, 3 rd in 100m Backstroke, 2 nd in 50m Backstroke
Te Rauroha	1 st in 200m Backstroke, 2 nd in 200m Butterfly, 1 st in 100m Backstroke (<i>New NZ and Auckland Age group record</i>), 1 st in 400m IM

UPCOMING EVENTS - TERM 1

All events are subject to student interest, parent help and organiser's changes.

• Wed 12 Feb	100m swim events (lunchtime)	PCC pool
• Thu 13 Feb	100m swim events (lunchtime)	PCC pool
• Fri 14 Feb	House meetings for Athletics	
• Fri 14 Feb	Swimming Sports (Champs)	PCC pool
• Tue 18 Feb	Bruce Scott Cricket	Kensington Park
• Wed 19 Feb	NSSSA Equestrian Showjumping	Barge Park
• Tue 25 Feb	Fustal Senior Boys	McKay Stadium
• Wed 26 Feb	Athletics Day (p/p 28 Feb)	Trigg Stadium
• Thu 27 Feb	Futsal Senior Girls	McKay Stadium
• Fri 28 Feb	Rangitahi Coaching Pilot	McKay Stadium
• Mon 3 Mar	Futsal Year 9/10	McKay Stadium

Sam Page
SPORTS CO-ORDINATOR
438 3950 Ext 219
sports@pompallier.school.nz

IMPORTANT SUN SAFETY REMINDER FOR ALL STUDENTS



Now that summer has well and truly arrived, it is crucial to remember the importance of protecting ourselves from the fierce Northland sun. At break times, all students are reminded to wear their hats. This is an essential step in preventing sunburn and long-term skin damage.

In addition to wearing a hat, please ensure you apply sunscreen before school and bring your sunscreen to school to reapply as needed throughout the day. Remember, sunscreen is most effective when used in combination with other sun protection measures.

We also encourage everyone to seek out the various shaded areas we have around the school during interval and lunch breaks. Staying in the shade, along with wearing a hat and sunscreen, will help protect you from the harmful effects of the sun.

Let's all be sun-smart!

USING INTERNET BANKING??

As we have 650 students, and not every student has the same surname as their parents, please make sure that you use the **student name and their ID No.** (shown on the statement) as a reference on all internet payments. This ensures payments are allocated to the correct account.

Thanks!

SCHOOL LOCKERS



Lockers are available to rent again this year, for any student.

Cost is \$60.00 per year, plus a refundable \$15.00 bond.

If you would like to reserve a locker for 2025, you will need to fill out an online order form as soon as possible, at: <http://www.stowawaylockers.co.nz/order-form/>.

Get in quick as they are going fast!

Note: The lockers are supplied and maintained by Stowaway Lockers, they are not owned by the college. Therefore, please contact Stowaway Lockers direct for any queries or for more information, on 027 4221 783, or 437 5818.

2025 TERM DATES

TERM 1	Wednesday 29 January	Friday 11 April
TERM 2	Monday 28 April	Friday 27 June
TERM 3	Monday 14 July	Friday 19 September
TERM 4	Monday 6 October	Friday 5 December



PROCEDURE FOR ALL VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL (including parents)

The college has a duty to provide a safe environment for our students and staff. We therefore have a **strict policy** around visitors to our school, which is also in place to fulfill our Health & Safety legal requirements.

All visitors and parents MUST report to Reception upon arrival at the college.

Please do not go directly to your child's classroom, or elsewhere in the college grounds, without reporting to Reception first.

If you would like to speak to a member of staff, it is preferable that you make an appointment where possible, to avoid disappointment. Appointments can be arranged directly with the staff member, via email.

Thank you in advance for your understanding and co-operation with these procedures.

If you have any queries about our process, please feel free to phone the college office, or email: admin@pompallier.school.nz



If you have a student success you would like to share, email us at ...

newsletter@pompallier.school.nz

PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE

2025 Vaccinations

Thursday 3 April (Year 8)

Thursday 26 June (Year 7)

The School Based Immunisation Programme will take place again this year, for Year 7 and Year 8 students.

Year 7 students will be offered the Boostrix vaccination, and Year 8 students will be offered the vaccination to protect against the Human Papillomavirus (HPV). Both vaccinations are free.

Consent forms will be given to students shortly to bring home; further details are included with the forms. Once received, they need to be completed and returned to the school as soon as possible please.

Public Health have provided links below to further information and short videos explaining the immunisations offered in the School Based programme. Parents/Guardians are invited to view the appropriate video with their child if they wish;

Year 8 Immunisations: [View information and video](#)

Year 7 Immunisations: [View information and video](#)

The Immunisation Advisory Centre (IMAC) can also help if you have any questions - phone; 0800 466 863 or visit: www.immune.org.nz.

UNIFORM REMINDERS ...

We have a compulsory school uniform and we expect that our students will wear it with pride.

We are very proud of our college, and as our students are seen by members of the wider community outside of school, we **insist** on the correct uniform being worn to and from school, as well as during school hours.

If you require any clarification on our regulation uniform items, please refer to the uniform page on our website: www.pompalliercollege.school.nz (under Enrolment Info).

Your assistance in enforcing that your child has the correct uniform is greatly appreciated.

YEAR 12 & 13 STUDENTS

Our Number 1 formal uniform can be ordered from **Bethells Uniforms** in the Strand.

Also, a reminder for senior boys - if you are wearing our formal uniform, you **must** wear a tie with your white shirt. These are available to purchase from the college office, for \$25.00.

PE UNIFORMS

A reminder that **all students** should be wearing a PE t-shirt in their **House colour**.

If you are not sure which House you are in, please ask your Whānau teacher.



COLLEGE ACCOUNTS

Our college accounts are sent to families monthly, via email. You should have received your child's account for this year earlier this week.

In the meantime, returning families will have received an account in November. If you have an overdue outstanding account from last year (or previous years), please ensure that this is paid as a matter of urgency. Thank you to those families who have contacted us and have a payment arrangement in place.

We would like to remind families that we are happy to accept regular automatic payments throughout the year towards your school account, and all accounts should be paid by the end of each year. Note that **Attendance Dues are expected to be paid each term**. Please contact Jane Woolston in the college office if you would like any assistance with a payment plan - phone 438 3950 ext 0, or email fees@pompallier.school.nz.

Please also note that *additional compulsory costs* (e.g.: sport activities, extra-curricular trips etc.) *must be paid for at the time of the event*, as they are not paid from your regular automatic payment.

As always, if you are experiencing any difficulties in making payment *at any time during the year*, we encourage you to contact Jane, sooner rather than later, so that options can be discussed in confidence.

Thank you.



2025 BUS INFORMATION

All students will be issued with Student ID cards next week, which show which bus they are eligible to catch. These **must** be produced every time when boarding their allocated bus.

We operate a “**No Pass No Ride**” policy. If a student is unable to produce the correct pass for that bus, they may be refused travel and have to make their own arrangements.

Due to movement with families around the area, some eligibility has changed from previous years. Eligibility is dependent on where a student lives, available public services in the area and loading limits.

BUS TRAVEL CODE OF CONDUCT:

As a student at Pompallier Catholic College I agree to abide by the behavioural expectations described below:

- When I am a seated passenger, I will remain in my seat for the whole journey.
- I will not eat on the bus or throw anything inside or out of the bus.
- If I am a standing passenger, I will stand quietly and not push or move around the bus.
- I will respect other students and their property at all times (this includes pushing, verbal or physical abuse, or any other behaviour that may distract the driver).
- I will use socially acceptable language when conversing with the driver and/or other students and I will not speak at a volume that may distract the driver.
- I will respect the property of the bus operator at all times (e.g. refraining from standing on seats or vandalising the vehicle in any way).
- I will not engage in any behaviour that could put the driver or other students at risk.
- I will observe the requirements and instructions of the bus driver and the teacher/s responsible for bus duty at all times.
- I understand that any damage I cause to the bus will result in my caregiver being billed for the cost of repairs.

The safety and comfort of everyone on the bus depends on a standard of behaviour and consideration for others that is expected in the classroom. We hope that caregivers will support the school in maintaining these standards of behaviour.

IF THIS CODE OF CONDUCT IS BROKEN:

- The student may be spoken to by the driver and/or bus controller. There may be a requirement of reflection, apology, assigned seating...
- The student may be placed on daily report for one week and their caregiver notified.
- If no improvement is evident immediately, an interview may be arranged between the student, caregiver(s), and school.
- If there is still no improvement, travel on a school bus will be withdrawn, and the caregiver will be required to find alternative transport to get the student to school.
- In extreme cases of misbehaviour the privilege of travelling on a school bus could be withdrawn immediately.

For any bus queries, please contact Michelle Lawson via email: buses@pompallier.school.nz

INFORMATION CHANGED??

Have you moved house recently?

Has there been a change in caregiver arrangements or contact numbers?

Does your child have new medical information?

Do you need to change your emergency contact person?

It is vital that we have the correct up-to-date contact information for you and your child. Therefore, any time you have a change in circumstances, please ensure you contact the college office and let us know.

Also, a lot of information is sent out via email, along with our newsletters, so if you change your email address, please let us know so you can continue to receive this important communication.



CAREERS & GUIDANCE COUNSELLING

A **Careers Advisor** specialises in career coaching and can help with:

- Making choices about subjects
- Training and work
- Career planning tools and resources
- Identifying skills
- Developing goals and action plans

Counsellors can help with:

- Managing problems
- Understanding feelings
- Looking at options
- Coping with change
- Moving forward

If you would like to discuss any of the above, please come to the **Student Centre** to make an appointment to see Mrs Hamilton for Careers, and Mr Pullen for Counselling, at school.

Receptionist/Administrator Catholic Social Services, Auckland

Catholic Social Services is looking for a part-time (20 hours - 3 days - hours can be negotiable) Receptionist/Administrator based in Ponsonby. As a faith-based professional service, Catholic Social Services provides social work, counselling, out-reach and support to individual people and families.

The successful applicant would be required to provide efficient, effective, and professional reception and administrative services to the team at Catholic Social Services.

For further details please go to our website www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz, Diocesan Services and staff vacancies.



The Māori carving | Carving in the external garden at St Francis Xavier by the portico **Carving of the Blessed Virgin, named *Maria, E Ki Ana Koe I Te Keratia (Mary Mother of God, Full of Grace)***

Carvers: Hato Paora College students under the tutelage of Master Carver Fr David Gledhill sm, who is also responsible for the carvings in the Pompallier Catholic College chapel.

This carving was done when the chapel at Hato Paora College was carved and renovated in the 1970s. It is part of a wider set of carvings that are in the chapel of Hato Paora at Feilding.

The carving depicts the Blessed Virgin Mary, who is carrying the Christ Child, conceived by the Holy Spirit. The fingers are extended (three fingers, depicting the Trinity) over her womb. Her womb is expanded in expectation of the birth of Her son, Jesus Christ the Saviour of the World.

This carving is like the others in the set - simple, and plain in Māori design. The carver recounted “simple but loud in proclaiming the power of the Mother and her obedience to conceive and bear a Son”.

The carving was first received in 1977 and was placed at the Home of the Māori Chaplaincy at 125 Bank St, Whangarei. When the new church was opened in Park Avenue in 1997, the carving was brought to the site in procession and placed in the front entrance. In 2024, the carving was taken off the plinth and stored, as it had badly deteriorated in the weather (in several places it had begun to rot and develop quite deep cracking).

Rosie Ponifasio-Hughes asked if the Hard Materials Technology department at Pompallier Catholic College could undertake a restoration of the carving. Mr Martin North, along with Mr Bill Heke, spent long days doing the restoration. Mr Fred Tito provided advice and support, and Adyn Davies-Gray, a Year 11 student, also assisted when he could.

In some places the rotten wood was replaced and joined to the structure. The carving was then cleaned, sanded, and prepared for a timber hardening process, epoxy resin, and filling of all the cracks and splits. It was sanded again and again and had its exterior primed with a marine based primer several times. The paua shell eyes were redone with an epoxy resin to sink the paua into them and provide protection from the sun and rain. A brass plate was moulded over the top of the head to prevent water egressing into the carving. Lastly, a marine ply was put on the top and bottom to cross grain the absorbing of any water away from the carving, and a deeper air vent under the carving to allow air circulation.

On 12 December 2024, before the school term finished, the carving was taken back to the church. With all the Māori community present, and many others who had witnessed the decline and the restoration, a prayer was said, Mihiimihi were given and the carving sits where it is now, in the external garden by the church portico.

Fr Brian Prendeveille sm, would like to extend his gratitude to Mr North and his team for such a wonderful restoration.

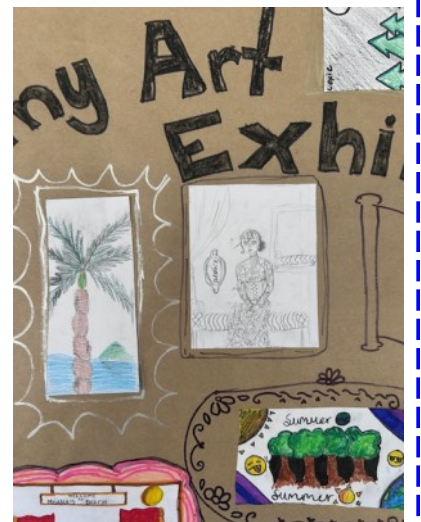
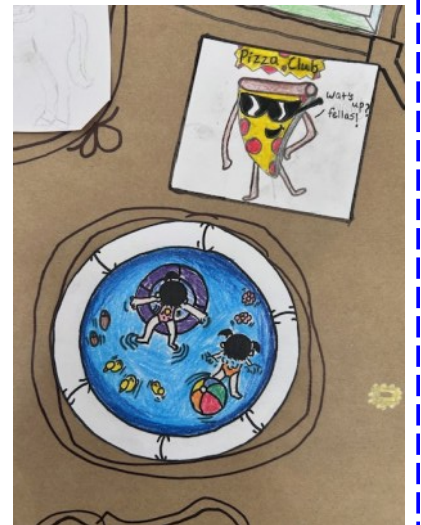
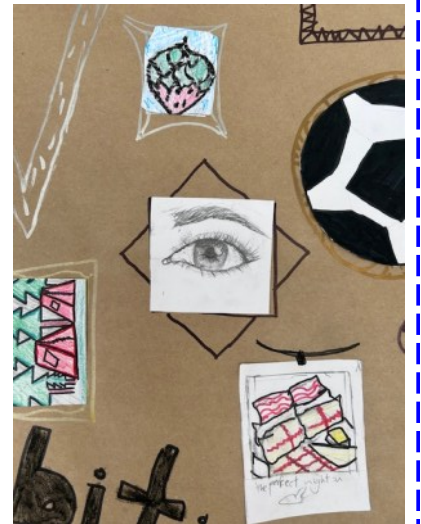




Year 7 students “Tiny Art Exhibition” ...

Staff and students had a treat outside our Art room on Wednesday this week - some fun artwork created by our new Year 7 students.

What fabulous work, we can already see some budding artists!!






TE MANAWA TAHI - Community Timetable, Term 1

If you have a concern about your child's language development, learning progress, social and emotional wellbeing, or behaviour, Te Manawa Tahī have specialists available so you can discuss your concerns directly with them.

This is a free service and each site will be identified by a Te Manawa Tahī sign or flag.

Drop into a hub, or make an appointment by: Phone: 0800 524 842, or Email: TT.Support@education.govt.nz

Date	Hub Locations	Term 1 2025, Weeks 1 to 5
Wednesday 5 th Feb	Clark Road Chapel, 4-6 Clark Road, Kamo	
Wednesday 12 th Feb	Bream Bay Community Trust, 9 Takutai Place, Ruakākā	
Thursday 13 th Feb	Ministry of Education, 24 Kaka St, Morningside	
Thursday 20 th Feb	Onerahi Community House, 130 Onerahi Road, Onerahi	
Wednesday 26 th Feb	Dargaville Early Years Hub, 28 Hokianga Road, Dargaville	
	Whangaruru School, 9.00am – 10.30am, 2916 Russell Road	
Thursday 27 th Feb	Clark Road Chapel, 4-6 Clark Road, Kamo	
Wednesday 5 th Mar	Ministry of Education, 24 Kaka St, Morningside	

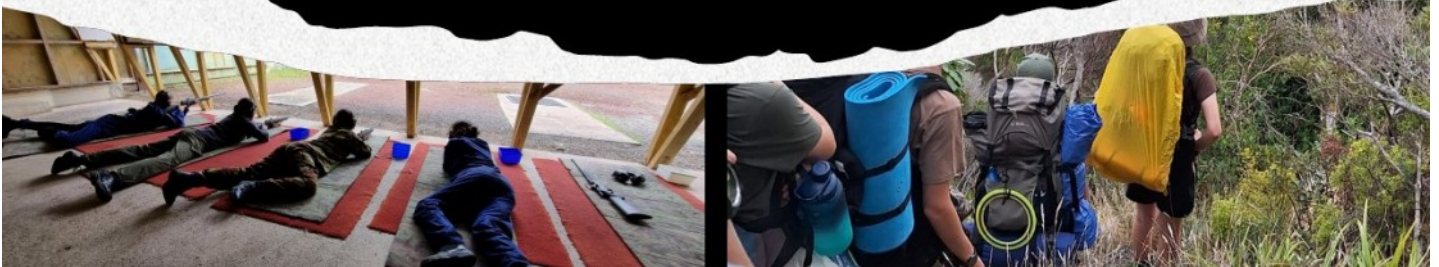
Date	Hub Locations	Term 1 2025, Weeks 6 to 10
Wednesday 12 th Mar	Bream Bay Community Trust, 10.00am - 12.30pm, 9 Takutai Place	
Thursday 13 th Mar	Te Kura o Otangarei School, William Jones Drive, Otangarei	
Thursday 20 th Mar	Children's Lighthouse Playgroup, 20 George Street, Hikurangi	
Wednesday 26 th Mar	St John Ōtamatea Ambulance Hall, Maungaturoto	
Thursday 27 th Mar	Ministry of Education, 24 Kaka St, Morningside	
	Clark Road Chapel, 4-6 Clark Road, Kamo	
Wednesday 2 nd Apr	Dargaville Early Years Hub, 28 Hokianga Road, Dargaville	
Thursday 3 rd Apr	Ngunguru School, 9.00am – 10.30am, Te Maika Road	
Thursday 10 th Apr	Clark Road Chapel, 4-6 Clark Road, Kamo	



Whangārei Cadet Forces Open Evening 20th February 6:15 - 9:00 pm

Recruitment Open for ages 13-15 Term 1 2025

At NorthTec Campus, Gate 4, Murdoch Cres



Join Cadet Forces in Term 1, 2025!

Are you aged 13 - 15 and looking for a challenge? The Local Cadet Force Units are recruiting now! Learn leadership, teamwork, and practical skills while having fun and making new friends.

Come along to the Open Evening, or for more info visit: <https://cadetforces.org.nz/>

Contact: whandcu@cadetforces.org.nz or 20sqn@cadetforces.org.nz. Facebook: Whangarei Army Cadets or No 20 Squadron Air Training Corps.



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Open to all high school aged children

Wednesday evenings 5-6pm

Starting 12th February through to end of March

Pohe Island Bike Park

Fun – Games – Instruction – Mini-races

Gold coin koha appreciated

Road bikes available to try out

Organised by Ruth and Jonathan Jarman from the Whangārei Marsden Wheelers Cycle Club



For more information contact Ruth at 021 438 252